

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/065,001

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Final Amendment filed on 19 Sept. 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-14 and 16-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The application has been amended as follows:

(A) The independent claims 1, 16, 17 and 18 are amended to clarify and distinguish from a reference of **Espell et al**, which discloses automatically relay data signals from the LEAP and SVLS computers to the police/patrol vehicle.

Claim 1, line 9, before the phrase "intervention" inserts --- with system equipment installed in a law enforcement vehicle ---.

Claim 16, line 10, before the phrase "intervention" inserts --- with system equipment installed in a law enforcement vehicle ---.

Claim 17, line 11, before the phrase "intervention" inserts --- with system equipment installed in a law enforcement vehicle ---.

Claim 18, line 4, before the phrase "intervention" inserts --- with communications equipment installed in a law enforcement vehicle ---.

(B) Claims 16 and 17 are amended to correct of the 112 second paragraph.

Claim 16, line 5, changes the phrase "such as" to --- or ---.

Claim 17, line 5, change the phrase "such as" to --- or ---.

(C) Claim 18 is amended to correct of an improper method claim.

Claim 18, line 1, change the phrase "system" to --- method ---.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: there are no prior arts teaching or suggesting of system to assist law enforcement personnel, comprising: a radio frequency tag, wherein said radio frequency tag is passive and does not require power; an antenna to receive information, from 360 degrees, from all close vehicles, from said radio frequency tag that is capable of interrogation at speeds in excess of 75 mph; and a remote network database automatically, without user intervention, relays information matching the tag to said tag reader.

In another embodiment, a system to assist law enforcement professionals, comprising: a passive radio frequency tag, attached to a vehicle; an antenna to receive information, from 360 degrees, from said radio frequency tag, installed on stationary object on a highway such as a bridge overpass; a laptop computer connected to a tag reader in a patrol vehicle; a fingerprint identification system connected to said laptop computer; and a remote network database, automatically, without user intervention, communicating with said laptop computer, in real time, through existing law enforcement data communications infrastructure.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to primary examiner **Van Trieu** whose telephone number is (571) 272-2972. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Mr. Daniel Wu** can be reached on (571) 272-2964.

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